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authorization to charge the  
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No. 06-1378. In addition,  
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to charge any fees for which  
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or to credit any overpayments,  
to Account No. 06-1378.

Applicant(s): Yukio KIMURA et al

Serial No. : 10/510,432

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For : APPARATUS FOR SURFACE  
TREATMENT OF METALLIC SHEET,  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING METALLIC  
SHEET, AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRODUCING METALLIC SHEET

Art Unit : 3725

Examiner : Debra M. Wolfe

**A M E N D M E N T**

Commissioner for Patents  
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
December 28, 2006, the term for response to which is extended by  
two months by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on  
May 28, 2007.

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are described on page 4.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 5. Claims 1-9 are amended, and  
claims 10-20 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 14.